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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Frank J. Leskovec III /dba/Country Sales of Miles City, Montana.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

LARRY D. MITCHELL
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid Waste Management Bureau

Project or Application Frank J. Leskovec/dba Country Sales

Description of Project Establishing and licensing a motor vehicle wrecking
facility south of Miles City. (See map)

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics			X		X	
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites					X	

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			
4. Agricultural or industrial production			X			
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals			X			X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction _____

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. Custer County Planner

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not necessary

PER Prepared by: Larry D. Mitchell

Date: April 18, 1983

GENERAL COMMENTS

Portions of a farm 20 miles south of Miles City on route 332 have been used by the applicant for the storage of junked or salvage motor vehicles. A motor vehicle wrecking facility license is required for the maintenance and operation of the facility. Before a license can be issued, the location must be approved by local zoning and the facility must be screened from public view.

The Custer County Planning office has reviewed the application and certified that the establishment of a motor vehicle wrecking facility at this proposed location will not violate any locally adopted land use zoning ordinances or regulations. The surrounding area is almost exclusively agricultural in nature. Establishing this business should not alter that land use except for the three acres to be used as a vehicle storage area.

This facility is required to be screened from view from public roads. Route 332 is a public road which passes the facility to the east. The vehicle storage yard is below a high bench which shields most of the facility from view. However, portions of the facility are visible from sections of the roadway. The applicant has proposed shielding these areas from public view by constructing a screen made out of scrap tires. Presently only the southeast corner of the facility is visible from a point approximately one-half mile south of the facility. Ordinarily, scrap tires are not acceptable for use as wrecking facility shielding. In this case, given the rural location and the distance between the facility and the public road, they make an aesthetically acceptable screen. The fence of tires is not discernible as tires given the distance to the road but appears only as a black fence. With the completion of the southeast corner, this facility will be screened from public view.

Although the Tongue River is adjacent to this proposed facility, flooding is not expected to be a problem. A high river bank separates the river from the facility site. The applicant has not experienced a flood problem with the river in 13 years except downstream from the proposed vehicle storage site. Several buildings including the property owner's residence are located at the same elevation as the proposed facility.

Periodic routine inspections by state and local junk vehicle program officials will be required to assure that the facility is maintained and operated in compliance with the Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and rules.



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